Couple has served Omaha community for nearly 40 years

Ewings to be honored Sept. 23 as next ‘Face on Barroom Floor’

By Tom O’Connor
Communications Committee

It’s a dream come true.

That’s how John and Viv Ewing feel about being the next “Face on the Barroom Floor” at the Omaha Press Club on Thursday, Sept. 23.

Since the early 1980s when they first came to the Press Club, both Ewings were enthralled with the club and the signature Face caricatures hanging on the walls.

They recognized many of the Face honorees and knew what a great accomplishment it would be to become a Face. Quietly, they both thought, “I’d love to be up there some day.”

After nearly 40 years of rolling up their sleeves and making a difference for the Omaha community, the Ewings will soon become the 165th “Face on the Barroom Floor.”

Five roasters are on the docket and will share more than a few laughs at the Ewings’ expense. Emcee for the evening will be Tim Cavanaugh, who retired in January as John Ewing’s chief deputy in the Douglas County Treasurer’s Office and is a retired captain in the Omaha Police Department. Cavanaugh has been a member of the Metropolitan Utilities District board of directors since 1999. He will be joined by:

- Thomas Warren, chief of staff for Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert and the 160th “Face on the Barroom Floor;”
- Eric Ewing, John’s brother who is the executive director of the Great Plains Black History Museum;
- Debbie Orduna, president, Children’s Square U.S.A. in Council Bluffs;
- Vanessa Johnson, youth case manager, Saint Francis Ministries; and
- Christina and Alexandria Ewing, daughters of Viv and John.

The Ewings will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary eight days before their Face induction anniversary eight days before their Face induction.

Brunch to honor scholarship winners

By Josh Bucy
OPC Foundation President

You are invited!

Join us for the Omaha Press Club Foundation Scholarship Banquet on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 10:30 a.m. Hosted at the Press Club, this annual event honors OPC Foundation scholarship recipients and professional honorees. In this exciting new format, we will be serving brunch at the club featuring sticky buns, chicken crepes and more. We are honored once again to have Dr. Chris Allen from the University of Nebraska at Omaha to serve as our emcee.

Traditionally held each spring, we have not been able to hold a banquet since 2019 due to COVID-19. While we could not hold a banquet this spring, the OPCF Board of Trustees has been working diligently to plan for a banquet at the earliest and safest time. While the event is taking place this month, the scholarship winners and honorees being recognized at the banquet are from the 2020-21 school year.

The professional honorees:

- Hugh Reilly, retired director of the School of Communication at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
- Tom O’Connor, retired senior associate director of communications for the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Things can change rapidly and drastically during this pandemic, so we will be moni-
Summer is coming to a close, and the club is back open. The staff has had some time off to enjoy their families, and hopefully they also had some fun in the sun. Now they are back and ready to serve the needs of our members and put on events.

They’re already hard at work — one day after re-opening, they put on another one of Shatel’s Sports Series Lunches, which was held on Wednesday, Aug. 18. I would like to thank Tom for doing these luncheons as they are one-of-a-kind and get great reviews from those who attend.

With that in mind, there are some great events coming up to complete the year. “Face on the Barroom Floor” events will feature John and Viv Ewing on Thursday, Sept. 23, and Michael Yanney on Thursday, Nov. 18. Be sure to make your reservations now.

You will also not want to miss the Journalists of Excellence Hall of Fame dinner on Saturday, Sept. 18, where we honor the most notable area journalists from both the past and present.

Another exciting event — the first of its kind for the club — will be the inaugural “First Amendment Night” on Saturday, Oct. 23. It will feature (and honor) former U.S. Sen. and Secretary of State Chuck Hagel and our own Allen Beer mann, retired executive director of the Nebraska Press Association and former Nebraska secretary of state. It should be quite an evening.

Not to be outdone, there is the club’s own 50th anniversary coming up in November. Hopefully you will come to celebrate the “nifty 50” and help us look forward to the club’s next 50 years.

There are many other upcoming events that will be featured in our newsletters. Be sure to check them out as they are announced.

These events do not happen without the help of our many committees, made up entirely of volunteers. These volunteers work hard to ensure that the events are not only entertaining but relevant to the members of the club and the community. We could always use more volunteers. Please consider volunteering and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members and help us create memories.

Now let’s talk about parking. We are now utilizing the FNBO parking garage, located adjacent to the Doubletree Hotel. All Press Club members receive two hours of free parking with validation. Just bring your parking stub with you to the club, and it will be validated by one of the staff.

Please note: At this time — during the day — the parking garage elevator will take you to the ground floor, where you can access the hallway to the club. In the evening, it will take you to the second floor where you will need to exit the garage and enter the bank from the entrance just below the circle driveway. Use the call box and security will release the doors, so you may enter to access the elevator to the club. Please understand this restricted access is only temporary.

One last note: There is a rumor that I am a part-time employee of the club. Although it may appear that I am there a lot, it is only because I love being at the club — not only to enjoy the view and food, but because I love being part of something special. And that, my friends, is the Omaha Press Club.

I hope to see you see you there soon!
Los Angeles. In 1981, he became the TV/radio correspondent for the Tokyo bureau of CBS News. Adams helped to start the Cable News Network in Japan in 1984. He produced and hosted CNN’s series, “This Week in Japan,” which featured interviews with celebrities and government leaders. He interviewed four U.S. presidents – Nixon, Carter, Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Adams created Totown, the first black-owned record label in Japan. He expanded it into a lucrative enterprise known as Totown Communications Group Japan and has become an icon in the field of cross-cultural corporate communications. Adams has received the Maejima Prize, Japan’s equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize in journalism. He is the only non-Japanese to have received the award. Now 72, Adams still lives in Japan.

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James Martin Davis, former ‘Face,’ dies at age 75

By Tom O’Connor
Communications Committee

I t may have been the most memorable “Face on the Barroom Floor” event in the history of the Omaha Press Club.

When Omaha attorney James Martin Davis became the 97th “Face” in August 2004, a record crowd of 350 attended, including 220 people who stayed for dinner.

It was termed “the roast with the most.” Not only was there a record turnout, but there also was an all-time high in roasters (10), and they went on for an unprecedented one hour and 20 minutes saluting the man known as the “Prince of One-Liners” and the “King of the Sound Bite.”

Davis, 75, died on Aug. 30 after suffering a heart attack. He was arguably the most recognizable attorney in the state of Nebraska. A huge fan of the media — many of whom he represented in contract negotiations — Davis embraced the Omaha Press Club as the beacon for freedom of the press.

Ironically, Davis was scheduled to present a Noon Forum at the Press Club on Sept. 16. He was going to discuss his new book, “Memorial Day: Our Nation’s Time to Remember.” The book, published by the Omaha World-Herald, was a compilation of all the Memorial Day columns Davis wrote each year for the newspaper.

Davis was drafted into the Army after his first year of law school and sent to Vietnam in 1969. A member of the 4th Infantry Division, he completed his yearlong tour of duty as a decorated combat infantryman. His columns often expressed his gratitude for his Army comrades, some of whom were killed in combat.

His star-studded slate of roasters in 2004 included seven individuals who are now fellow “Faces on the Barroom Floor”:
• Mike Kelly (emcee), Omaha World-Herald columnist, No. 107 in 2006;
• Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson, No. 60 in 1995;
• Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey, No. 105 in 2006;
• Fr. Val Peter, director of Boys Town, No. 58 in 1994;
• Harold Andersen, Omaha World-Herald publisher, No. 28 in 1984;
• Douglas County Sheriff Richard Roth, No. 18 in 1982; and
• KETV anchorwoman Julie Cornell, No. 155 in 2017.

The other roasters included U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf, financial adviser and legendary Nebraska quarterback Jerry Tagge, and Jim Fagin, an aide to Sen. Nelson and a former TV/radio reporter.

Kelly threw the first dart at Davis, noting that he had issued a record number of invitations — 1,800, “which is more than the number of votes he received when he ran for Congress.”

Some of the other best quips from the roast included:

Sen. Nelson, a Davis classmate at the University of Nebraska Law School: “I wanted him to look his best tonight, so I loaned him my hair.”

Fahey: “At Creighton Prep, he took a freshman IQ test. The results were negative.”

Tagge: “Jim Davis has no sex drive. His wife, Polo, started jogging so she could hear heavy breathing again.”

Roth, who hired Davis for the Secret Service: “Other agents said that the most dangerous thing about their job was to get between Jim and a television camera.”

In response to the lengthy grilling, Davis said, “I don’t feel like I’ve been roasted. I feel like I’ve been deep-fat fried.”

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He also didn’t hesitate to poke fun at himself, saying: “I represent an elite clientele. Most of them live in gated communities.”

There were many touching moments as well. One of them came when Tagge said, “After a drunk-driving arrest, Jim helped me get counseling and into Alcoholics Anonymous. I became a born-again Christian, and I will be eternally grateful to him.”

OPC Artist Jim Horan’s caricature depicted Davis in his “working clothes” — a pinstripe suit and gold tie. Included in the background were illustrations of his days in Vietnam and the Secret Service, Lady Justice, a convict client of Davis holding a toilet paper gun, and a horde of media seeking comments from the man called “JMD.”

Always the polished professional with a way with words, Davis closed his roast with a tribute to the media. “I have been blessed over the last 28 years to have had a very amiable relationship with some of the finest, hard-working members of the news media anywhere in the country.”

For those wishing to purchase a copy of Davis’s book, it is available for $21.95 through the Omaha World-Herald. You can go online at: https://www.owhstore.com/product/memorial-day-our-nations-time-to-remember/
Shatel: It’s time for Huskers to start winning

By Tom O’Connor
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As Scott Frost heads into his fourth year as coach of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the feeling of most football fans around the state can be summarized in six words – no more hype, just start winning.

That was the resounding message of Tom Shatel, Omaha World-Herald sports columnist, as the Shatel Lunch Series returned for some gridiron talk on Aug. 18.

“I hate the hype. I’m tired of the talk,” Shatel said. “I want to see action. There’s no reason for them (the Huskers) not to come flying out of the gate (against Illinois on Aug. 28). The first game is important. You need to look like you care and are prepared for the season.”

Although the first game (a loss to Illinois) was important, Shatel thinks the biggest game of the year will be at home against Michigan on Oct. 9.

“Michigan is still a big name,” he said. “It would be a signature win for Frost. If they can beat Michigan, it sets up the rest of the schedule.

“The schedule is tough, but it’s not that tough. It could be worse. We’re playing Michigan – not Indiana – and we’re playing Michigan State – not Penn State. The Big Ten is not easy. Rutgers is the next one on the way up – that guy (Greg Schiano) can coach. He’s a problem. Bret Bielema (the new Illinois coach) also can coach. He’s won the Big Ten (at Wisconsin) and been to several Rose Bowls.”

On the day of the Shatel lunch, it was announced that Nebraska’s football program is being investigated by the NCAA for several possible infractions.

“Nebraska doesn’t need this,” Shatel said. “It’s just more sloppiness…more drama. It puts attention on Nebraska. It’s probably not a fireable offense, but it creates more pressure to win. The NCAA is always upside down – they seem to hammer the people who do the least wrong.”

The storied series between Oklahoma and Nebraska will resume this year – the 50th anniversary of the Game of the Century -- with the fourth game of the year on Sept. 18 in Oklahoma. It comes with controversy, however, as a report surfaced that Nebraska was trying to get out of the game.

“Bill Moos (former Husker athletic director) fell on the sword,” Shatel said. “Nebraska wouldn’t be Nebraska without Oklahoma and vice versa. Remember, Oklahoma did it first – they pulled out of the series in 1994. Let’s play these two games (with Oklahoma) and enjoy the memories. Most fans don’t care.”

Other tidbits from the lunch included:

• On the Husker outlook this year – “They have the talent on both sides to win games. I wonder about the discipline down there.”

• “There’s a fear factor with Nick Saban (Alabama coach). There also was with Tom Osborne – you didn’t want to disappoint him. He was a tall, intimidating figure. I don’t think that’s there right now.”

• On Frank Solich, former Husker coach: “History will be kind to Frank Solich. He needs to be brought back and be given a giant hug.”

• On Husker offense and quarterback Adrian Martinez: “Lubick feels real good about our running backs this year. Everything is easier when you can run the ball. Martinez needs to make the basic plays…have more command, be more of a leader, not force a pass in the end zone into triple coverage. Wisconsin and Iowa have quarterbacks who aren’t flashy – they make the plays. Nebraska needs solid, not flashy. A running quarterback (like Martinez) is a great ace in the hole.”

First Amendment Night on Saturday, Oct. 23

By Bridget (Weide) Brooks
Executive Committee

Freedom of the press is a central tenet of a democracy, and the Omaha Press Club has rescheduled last year’s First Amendment Night event (postponed by COVID-19) to Saturday, Oct. 23, to celebrate this important right.

Former Sen. Chuck Hagel, a military veteran who worked as a radio newscaster and talk show host in Omaha while finishing college, will be the speaker and honoree at the inaugural “First Amendment Night: Celebrating Newsmakers and News Media.” Hagel was also an entrepreneur before running for the U.S. Senate in 1996. He later served as secretary of defense in the Obama administration.

Also being honored is the former executive director of the Nebraska Press Association, Allen Beermann. He was born and raised on a farm in Dakota County and went on to earn a J.D. degree from Creighton University School of Law before going on to serve as the Nebraska’s longest-serving secretary of state. Beermann retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps. He was inducted into the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame in 2018. He led the Press Association for 25 years and he also hosted the National Convention of the National Newspaper Association in Omaha and hosted their board of directors at the Omaha Press Club.

Past OPC President Tom Shatel came up with the idea for the event, which he created as a networking opportunity for current members of the media as well as a “homecoming” for veteran news personnel — and an opportunity to “bring the press back to the Press Club.”

The night begins with cocktails at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and Hagel’s remarks at 7 p.m. A dessert bar will follow.

Tickets are $75 each, with a portion of the ticket price benefiting the Omaha Press Club Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that supports journalism scholarships and education. The OPC Foundation awarded more than $50,000 in scholarships to journalism students at Creighton University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2020.

Despite the pressures of public health, Dr. Adi Pour said she was thankful for a ‘fabulous’ job.

Health director looks back on pandemic, career

By Anne Walsh
Communications Committee

Dr. Adi Pour

Described as having done a “terrific job under terrific pressure” by host Gary Kerr, Dr. Adi Pour offered an insider’s view of the pandemic, lessons learned and what’s ahead at the July 8 Noon Forum. It was her first public presentation since retiring June 30 as director of the Douglas County Health Department, a position she held since 2002.

Dr. Pour recapped a timeline of Covid-19’s spread through Omaha and Nebraska, starting in February 2020 when the Diamond Princess cruise ship was quarantined in Japan. Fifteen of 100 Americans were flown to the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s (UNMC) biocontainment unit, one of only three in the United States. They were followed by more U.S. citizens evacuated from Wuhan, China, with the National Guard opening its Ashland, Neb., camp to care for the patients’ families. These earliest cases gave area medical professionals their first look at Covid’s effects and treatments.

On March 7, Omaha learned “we are only 11 percent of the state’s population, but affecting about half of all states now advocating for stronger public health measures. Questions are being asked about public health’s need for greater authority, resulting from the convergence of academia, public health and politicians.

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Public health is all about prevention, she said. “It works, but you don’t hear about it. Brushing your teeth, eating healthy and using seat belts are all prevention standards.

Dr. Pour then sought a mask mandate, already implemented in Lincoln and 50 of the nation’s largest cities, but was advised by the governor’s office that she didn’t have the authority to do so. Under urging from Dr. Pour and Mayor Jean Stothert, the Omaha City Council passed an ordinance requiring masks, which would be extended three times. Schools opened in the fall, mixing remote and in-person learning.

November 2020 was “the darkest month,” said Dr. Pour, with relaxed DHMs leading to larger gatherings that spread the virus. In one week, statewide totals reached 4,200 cases, with 50 patients on ventilators and 48 deaths. In comparison, the last week of June 2021 totaled 115 statewide cases.

Help came in December 2020, when the first “pizza boxes” of Pfizer vaccines arrived at Omaha’s major medical facilities. With 10 doses per Pfizer vial contingent on adequate cold storage and “use it or lose it” conditions, an appointment system was needed to maximize distribution. Because the state’s system was not yet online, Douglas County contracted with Total Wellness to sign up high-priority patients – health care workers, those in confined facilities such as long-term care properties or prisons, and people over the age of 85 (subsequently reaching lower age ranges and extending to teachers as more people became vaccinated).

Combining the new appointment system with large-scale community vaccination sites at Creighton, Immanuel, Miracle Hills, CHI, UNMC, and 35th and L Streets, upwards of 4,000 vaccinations were administered daily. As the months passed, said Dr. Pour, larger sites were replaced by multiple smaller sites in schools, churches and parking lots, followed by Phase 3 “going to the people” pop-up sites in six places daily, including the College World Series and Olympic Swim Trial venues.

By early July 2021, 50.8 percent of Douglas County adults were fully vaccinated, with 68.1 percent of them having at least one dose – close to the national goal of 70 percent by July 4. Some 97 percent of adults aged 65 and older have at least one dose. Much work remains, however, with only 33 percent of Black citizens having one dose, and rural western Nebraska below 30 percent.

Dr. Pour reflected on lessons learned. Early in the pandemic, Douglas County collaborated with UNMC to establish a testing site at 50th and G Streets near the South Omaha packing houses, which she described as “one of the better things we did.” Soon, Test Nebraska drive-through sites sprang up in numerous locations, saving lives with early diagnosis and providing data to help health officials and medical professionals track and contain the virus’s spread. It was an effort so quietly successful that “people aren’t aware of how beneficial it was,” said Dr. Pour.

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Public health directors are not elected officials, and that autonomy was critical to

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Hall of Famer Pagel dies at 93

Alfred “Bud” Pagel, a member of the Omaha Press Club Hall of Fame, died in Lincoln on June 30 at age 93.

An emeritus associate professor of journalism at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Pagel taught news courses at UNL from 1982 to 1997.

He grew up in a newspaper family in Neligh NE and began helping as a printer’s devil at the weekly founded by his grandfather in 1885.

After Army service in Germany and graduation from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, Pagel returned to Neligh, Nebraska and published the Leader with his parents from 1957-1963.

Then he sold the weekly and became city editor for the Magazine of the Midlands.

In 1982, Pagel joined UNL as the Gannett Professional Lecturer in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

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In 1969 he married Anne Burnett, and the couple spent a year on a farmstead in Ireland before returning to Omaha in 1971, where Pagel rejoined the World-Herald. There he spent the next decade, first as assistant city editor and then as a writer for the Magazine of the Midlands.

He and his mother, Ruth Best Pagel, are the only mother-son members of the Nebraska Press Association Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the OPC Journalists of Excellence Hall of Fame in 2017.

Pagel is survived by Anne, son Sean and daughter-in-law Marlene, and granddaughters Brianna and Ella.
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